

## **Nathaniel Macon to Andrew Jackson, January 17, 1796, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **NATHANIEL MACON TO JACKSON.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Macon was member of the House of Representatives 1791–1815 and of the Senate 1816–1828. He probably did not know Jackson in North Carolina, since the two men lived in parts remote from one another.

Philadelphia, January 17, 1796.

*Sir:* I inclose you a copy of the report of the Committee Claims on your petition, and sincerely wish that it accorded more with my ideas of right, I attended the Committee while they had the petition under Consideration, explained the nature of the claim and shewed the laws and resolutions under which it originated, together with a letter from the Treasurer of North Carolina on the subject. But to no purpose.

Congress have not yet passed a single act this session, none of the Committees to whom important subjects were committed have reported. Every thing contained in the speech of the President is before some committee, as well as a bankrupt system and a plan for establishing offices for the sale of land in the territories of the United States. A motion has been made, on the subject of a navigation act, and not yet acted on. You will see by the papers that a Robert Randall and Charles Whitney had an easy plan for obtaining land, however they are disappointed. The last Accounts from Europe are very vague and contradictory. It is I believe certain that Genl. Jourdan has retreated, but every thing else is too uncertain to trouble with.

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I am Sir yr. most Obt. Sert